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I strongly believe that government intervention of Microsoft's business practices undermines the basis of free enterprise established within the United States. I'm a software engineer that writes applications for Windows environments as well as Unix, Linux, etc. Windows has created excellent products that appeals to users. Its not a question of guerilla marketing or forceful contracts. Its the fact that Microsoft has made a name for themselves and can demand certain things. If other operating systems were as efficient then vendors would just simply use theirs. The point is, consumers have made the choice and that angered other CEO's with inferior product. I'm a firm supporter of open source and my favorite language to develop in is Java, but I don't like the fact that the government is stepping in realms they really shouldn't involve themselves in. Our country became successful because of competition. This competition makes other companies develop bigger and better products. This intervention will only hinder the process. Not to mention the fact that has anyone ever thought about the amount of money Microsoft has made other companies. By creating languages such as VB, C++ and making their OS and development IDEs extensible has lead to billions in third-party software sales annually. This is just another case of "the giant is too big and I don't like it!" The problem is the government doesn't realize that, if they want to make things fair, they would have to shut down Microsoft as a whole. Interfering like this will only make Microsoft bigger, stronger, and A LOT wealthier! Their products will become better and they will spread their reach over more industries. Even the government should think twice about pissing off a company like Microsoft. Maybe thats why this all came about!!!

Good Luck,

John Purdum